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900 Definitions

In this chapter, the following terms have been defined to have the meanings indicated:

1. **Applicant** – an individual who has submitted an application for assistance directly or through an authorized representative, or if incompetent or incapacitated, through someone acting responsibly for the individual, and whose application is pending.
2. **Application** – giving written notice to the local department of a desire to receive assistance.
3. **Authorized representative** – an individual designated in writing by the applicant or recipient to act on behalf of the applicant or recipient.
4. **Benefit** – a grant provided under the Temporary Disability Assistance Program (TDAP).
5. **Burial funds** – a revocable burial contract, burial trust, or other burial arrangement or fund set aside for the individual's burial needs.
6. **Department** – the Department of Human Services.
7. **Earned income** – payment received by an individual for work or services performed; including wages, salary, commissions, tips, and proceeds from self-employment.
8. **Eligibility period** – the number of months that an individual is found eligible to participate in TDAP.
9. **Federal Disability Application Assistance vendor** – a state-funded contract with a vendor to help severely disabled individuals to establish eligibility for federal disability programs.
10. **Impairment** – A medically verified mental or physical condition that prevents an individual from working at any occupation.
11. **Institution** – an establishment that furnishes, in single or multiple facilities, food and shelter to more than 16 individuals unrelated to the proprietor and provides treatment or services beyond the basic provision of food or shelter.
12. **Intentional program violation (IPV)** – an intentional false or misleading statement or misrepresentation, concealment, or withholding of facts to:
 - Establish or maintain the applicant or recipient's eligibility for TDAP; or
 - Increase or prevent a reduction in the benefit amount of TDAP.
13. **Local department** – a department of social services of a county or Baltimore City, or the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.
14. **Local department area** – the jurisdiction served by the local department.
15. **Public institution** – an institution that is the direct fiscal responsibility of a governmental unit or an institution over which a government unit exercises administrative control.

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16. **Qualified alien** – an individual who is not a citizen of the United States who:

- Is lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA);
- Is admitted to the United States as a refugee under §207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act – 8 U.S.C. §1157;
- Is granted asylum under §208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act – 8 U.S.C. §1158;
- Has had deportation or removal withheld under §243(h) or 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act – 8 U.S.C. §§1253(h) or 1231(b)(3);
- Has been granted status as a Cuban or Haitian entrant as defined in §501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 – 8 U.S.C. §§1522 note;
- Is paroled into the United States under §212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act – 8 U.S.C. §1182(d)(5) for a period of at least 1 year;
- Is granted conditional entry pursuant to §203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act – 8 U.S.C. §1153 as in effect before April 1, 1980; or
- Is a battered spouse, battered child, or parent of a battered child.

17. **Resident** – an individual who, at the time of application, is physically present in the local department area, has no address in any other local department area, and intends to remain in the local department area.

18. **Resource** – cash, liquid assets, and real or personal property that the client owns individually or jointly and can convert to cash for support and maintenance.

19. **Sponsor** – an individual who executed an affidavit of support or similar agreement on behalf of an immigrant as a condition of the immigrant's entry or admission into the United States as a permanent resident.

20. **Spouse** – either of two individuals who are married to each other under applicable State law; or are living together and representing themselves as married to relatives, friends, neighbors, or trades people.

21. **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** – the federally funded benefit paid by the Social Security Administration to individuals who meet established disability requirements or who are 65 years old or older.

22. **Treatment program** – an inpatient or outpatient substance abuse treatment program certified by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH).

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23. **Unearned income** – money, goods, or services received from sources other than earned income, such as pensions, benefits, returns from investments, payments of support, or contributions.
24. **Verification** – proof contained in documents or records of public or private agencies, firms, or individuals.